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The kind you pay 50c for regularly. New, clean, perfect garments, made of a strong, serviceable percale in neat stripes, all well made, full cut Pajamas in sizes 8 to 14.

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Caloric Fireless Cookers . . . \$7.00 and up
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FAIRFIELD AVENUE AND MIDDLE STREET

GUNBOAT HELENA'S CREW WINS IN RIFLE MATCH.

Washington, Nov. 16.—The rifle team of the gunboat Helena won the annual target match of the Asiatic fleet with a score of 3,502, according to figures made public today by the Navy Department. The other teams ranked as follows: Saratoga, second; Galveston, third; Cincinnati, fourth; sunboats (several represented) fifth; Wilmington, sixth. The Wilmington's score was 3,142.

A report from Berlin says that meat and butter tickets will soon be issued.

A trainload of wheat from Bulgaria, the first shipment, arrived at Cologne, Germany.

WANTED—First class milling machine operators. Apply Yost Type-writer Works.

WANTED—To buy a pointer bitch dog, from 12 to 18 months old. Charles H. Hall, Derby, Conn. H 16 a p

FOR SALE—My home 146 Washington avenue, if not sold by Dec. 15 will rent furnished. H. C. Knight. a p

METAL WORKER wants position on brass, steel, good fitter and fitter, soldier and hammerer in or out of town. Address Joseph Leonard, Goodwin St., Stratford. H 16 d

UNION MADE SOLID LEATHER WORK SHOES, specially constructed for hard work and rough wear. Price \$2.50. D. Greenbaum, 121 Congress St. near Main. H 16 e

WANTED—Position as cook and for housework by competent, trustworthy German woman in private family. Best references. Inquire 572 Howard Ave. H 16 b p

OPEN FORUM LECTURE by Alfred Ward Smith, Workingman-Author-Philosopher of New Haven, Conn. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 8 p. m., 1026 Main St. Subject: "The Philosophy and Religion of Democracy." H 16 b p

ALLIANCE FRANCAISE HEARS INTERNATIONAL LECTURE BY GUERIN

The Alliance Francaise opened its season last evening with a charming lecture by Mme. Guerin, prominent French actress, in the Stratfield. Mme. Guerin gave her recital in a costume of the Louis XIV. period and her talk was principally of Catherine de Rambouillet, who was mistress of the Hotel de Rambouillet, Henry Coville, who is now on furlough from the French army, will be the next official lecturer, speaking at the meeting of Dec. 8 at the Stratfield.

MISS OPHELIA FOLEY TALKS ON CERAMICS

Miss Ophelia Foley, who is one of the new teachers at the Bridgeport Art League, gave an interesting talk on ceramics yesterday afternoon at the informal lecture at the Art League rooms in the Staples building. Miss Grace D. Clarke, teacher of the class in diction, voice placing and dramatic reading, gave a reading of Longfellow's poem, "Keramos," and as an encore, "The Woman Tamer." Mrs. P. B. Holzer, president of the league, announced that the Christmas sale will open Nov. 20, and close on the evening of Dec. 3. Each exhibitor is requested to hand a list of her pieces to the treasurer.

MONTH'S MIND MASS AT ST. AUGUSTINE'S FOR LATE ANDREW RADEL

Many relatives and friends of the late Andrew Radel gathered in St. Augustine's church this morning at the month's mind requiem mass celebrated by the rector, Rev. James E. Nihil, P.R. Assisting at the mass within the chancel rail, was Rev. James C. O'Brien of Stamford, formerly the pastor of the Sacred Heart parish in this city. The deceased formerly lived in Father O'Brien's Bridgeport parish.

The high price of eggs again raises the question why more people don't keep hens. It is so easy for them to get their living on the neighbors' back yards.

MIKADO OFFERS SACRED RICE TO HIS ANCESTORS

Rite of Coronation Is Accomplished With Impressive Ceremonial.

Kioto, Nov. 16.—One of the most picturesque of all coronation rites were those connected with the planting, growth and serving of the rice to be offered by the Emperor to the spirits of the imperial ancestors and the deities of heaven and earth. The regulations concerning the planting take account of certain forms of divination.

The fields to be honored with the planting and growth of the sacred rice were selected from the region to the southwest of Kioto, called the Yuki district, and others in the north-western district of Kioto known as the Suki region. In making the choice the officials concerned rely upon the finding of the diviners, who, taking the thinnest part of a rice stalk, a deer blade and a branch of the habaka, a species of cherry tree, place the latter in a fire and then apply the burning brand to the deer's bone until the bone splits with the heat. The prediction of the split decides the fields to be selected. The bone has been used from the earliest time, but latterly the use of the bone was replaced by a piece of polished tortoise shell which is subjected to the same proceedings.

The ceremonies for deciding the fields for the planting and growth of the sacred rice for the present coronation were held before the Imperial ancestral shrine of the Imperial palace in Tokio. The hall was decorated and the ceremony was officiated by Prince Iwakura, chief ritualist, and other ritualists attired in ancient ceremonial robes. The ceremony was opened with music; food offerings were presented by ritualists, and the chief ritualist read a Shinto prayer before the altar. The chief of the coronation committee handed a case containing paper on which was inscribed the names of the rice fields to Count Toda, Grand Master of Ceremonies, who passed it to Chief Ritualist Prince Iwakura. The chief ritualist ordered the rites of divination to be commenced. Prince Kujo, vice-chief ritualist, asked the deities to descend, receive the food offering presented in their honor, and assist in the divination for the sacred fields. A sacred fire was made and two pieces of polished tortoise shell, one for the Yuki district and the other for the Suki, were held up over the flames of the burning habaka tree. When the tortoise shells cracked with the heat they were handed to the chief of the coronation committee. The ceremony was conducted amid the most profound silence. The chief ritualist saw that divine choice had fallen on the prefecture of Aichi, in the Yuki district, and the prefecture of Kagawa, in the Suki district. His result was reported to Prince Fushimi, president of the coronation board, and was submitted to the Emperor for sanction.

One Koku, or about five bushels of rice, was taken from each field. Extraordinary care was observed in the cultivation. The area used for the cultivation of the plant, and about an acre of rice in each field, and each plantation was enclosed with a row of 33 trees garlanded with ropes of straw. The rice sprouts were planted by virgins in fulfillment of sacred traditions. The fields were guarded day and night. The men who weeded the fields and drove away hungry birds during the growth and ripening of the plants were purified daily. The plucking of the ears of the matured rice plants, that is, the harvesting of the sacred rice, was attended by ceremonials dictated by ancient practice and rigidly observed from times immemorial. Imperial messengers were sent to the fields, and the participating priests wore flowing robes and red lacquered footgear. First of all they cleaned their bodies on the bank of the neighboring river, and then they formed a procession to the rice fields. Each priest was plucked for two different purposes, one for preparing rice for the Yuki ceremony, to be performed at the Yuki hall, and the other for discharging black and white sake wine used for the ceremony at the Suki hall. The separate portions of rice were placed in a basket over which a branch of the sakaki tree was laid, while the priests used the rice to cover the rice fields. The basket was then carried to Kioto in a ceremonial procession, called "the procession of the sacred rice."

The board of apportionment will this year be asked for an appropriation that will effect a long needed change in the conduct of criminal prosecutions when Alexander L. DeLaney, city prosecutor, backed by court, police and other city officials, will ask for the establishment of a prosecuting attorney's office with adequate assistants to conduct the voluminous investigations now found necessary. Heretofore the business of the prosecuting attorneys has been conducted in private law offices at times widely separated. No appropriations for assistants or other necessary equipment has been made. With the vast increase in the number of complaints due to growth in the population, the amount of work devolving upon prosecutors has become so large as to pass beyond the scope of their attention. A visit to the offices of either of the prosecuting attorneys, Alexander L. DeLaney or John P. Gray, at any hour in the day reveals the enormous number of applicants for justice, many having to wait for an hour at a time because of the visitors who precede them. By the establishment of an office, probably in the police and charities building, assistants to take care of the preliminary investigations, and time for the prosecutors to prepare cases against the most flagrant violators who now escape by legal technicalities, it is believed that a much larger number of criminals will be brought to justice and less noles entered in the city court.

TOYS PLENTY IN AMERICAN MARKETS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

American children of the slums and poor sections of the great cities are not to lack the cheaper class of toys this Christmas. Germany's trade with the United States is not to be restricted by Great Britain's fleet of war vessels through intervention of the United States authorities who in the cause of humanity have asked that the embargo formerly placed upon this class of German export be raised. Already nearly a million dollars' worth of the cheaper German, French and English toys have been landed in America, much of which was detained in transit as prize captures by the British.

These facts, vouched for by the largest importers in New York city, became known through Edward R. Ives, president of the International Toy Company, 138 Holland avenue, this city, the largest manufacturers of mechanical toys in the United States. "I am firmly convinced from the reports made to me by reputable buyers in New York city that the United States government has intervened in behalf of the thousands upon thousands of poor families that can afford the cheap toys and have influenced England in the cause of humanity to release the shiploads of toys that had been held last year. Dealers in New York city are well supplied with German Christmas presents and there will be no occasion for America to compete with the cheap labor and material utilized abroad in the manufacture of that class of toy." That there will be no diminution of the demand for the higher class novelty was assured by the well known manufacturer whose factory is working steadily to finish the Christmas output.

HOWLAND'S

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street.

Bridgeport, Conn.
Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1915.

The Weather:—Fair with low temperature tonight and Wednesday.

Autumn-Easter suits of notable value.

With Thanksgiving a trifle over a week away, notable offering of women's tailored suits in the styles and fabrics of this very day—and at less than regular price!

Fur-trimmed suits; for illustration. And braid or velvet-trimmed.

Brown suits, and rich green, and deep blue, and black—these favorite colors of the season in plenty.

As rich or as simple as one wishes; as dashing or as sedate;—for it is a big collection and a varied.

Each suit has gone directly into this offering from the store's regular stock. Each is of the store's regular standard in fabric and tailoring. We've made these new prices simply to get a quick clearance.

And here are the prices:—

were \$20 \$22.50 and \$25 **\$18.50** were \$27.50, \$30 and \$35 **\$24.50**

Second floor.
Curtains in lots of 2 to 4 pairs cheap.

Curtains exactly like those we've sold all Autumn at greater prices. In fact, one curtain in each of these lots is the sample from which sales have been made. Now we take such as are left and put a lot price on them—to insure a quick riddance.

Irish-point and Cluny and novelty and scrim and Nottingham, all these in many patterns and all at saving.

Regular prices have been from \$3 to \$20; now they're **\$2 to \$16**

Third floor.
Beltane the Smith
a romance of the greenwood by Jeffrey Farnol

There's been no story with such charm since the same author gave us the Broad Highway.

It is a story with action, without padding, with plenty of romance and plenty of courage.

Read now for much delight.—\$1.50.

Main floor, rear.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

PROSECUTORS OF CITY COURT SEEK SPECIAL QUARTERS

Tax Board Will Be Asked to Make Provision For Needed Facilities.

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Although this appropriation often has been advocated the necessity is now said to have brought the strongest backing for the project with the probability that the appropriation will be granted.

AUTO BUS RIDE ON FRIDAY EVENING
There will be an auto bus ride on Friday evening, given by the young men of the Memorial Baptist church to Huntington. The fare per couple is reasonable and within the reach of all who wish a good time. The buses will leave Howard and Maplewood avenues at 7:30 sharp.

HOWLAND'S

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street.

Full-value rugs at lower price.

Rugs must get out of the way for toys. A lot of the rugs will get clear out of the store—to the great advantage of folks who are keen enough to aid in their journey.

Holiday plans are made. First step is to squeeze the rugs into smaller quarters. Before that squeezing, we shall sell a lot of rugs to a lot of wise people. For we make special prices that appeal to economists—and thus get our rugs all the way out of the store instead of from one part to another.

Here are some of those prices. Notice the savings!

Whittall's Body Brussels rugs, two-tone and Oriental patterns, 9 by 12 ft., regular \$29—\$25.
Stauben seamless heavy Axminster rugs; two-toned brown and rose. Oriental copper and rose shades. Oriental rose and brown tones: 9 by 12 ft., regular \$29—\$25.
8 1/2 by 10 1/4 ft., regular \$26—\$22.
Good firm soft Axminster rugs in handsome flowered and Oriental patterns, 9 by 12 ft., regular \$18.50—\$15.
Seamless tapestry rugs, 9 by 12 ft., good patterns and colors, especially good for bedroom use, regular \$15—\$12.50.
Panel Axminster rugs, handsome of effect, 7 1/2 by 10 1/2 ft., regular \$12.50—\$10.

Third floor.

Real Value of this Gossard special service.

is in the proper application of the Gossard-corset, qualities to the woman who avails herself of the service.

Of what good, for example, to know that Gossard corsets are made in many models—if the correct one is not secured?

This week of special service gives chance to get the correct model, to get it properly fitted and adjusted. Beside this, one may learn just what the late fashion news is regarding corsets—of that new smaller waister for example?

Please remember that this special Gossard service is freely offered and that Gossard corsets with all their excellent features, their splendid support for the back, their convenient lacing in front—sell at \$2 \$3 \$5 and more.

Second floor.

HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.

TEN PALEFACES RUN GAUNTLET OF BRAVES OF OKENUCK TRIBE

(Special to The Farmer.)
Stratford, Nov. 16.—At the regular meeting of the Okenuck tribe of Red Men held last evening in the wigwam on Church street, 10 men were initiated. The initiation exercises were conducted by the local degree team under the leadership of James Vans, Jr. The committee in charge of the affair were: George W. Paichler, chairman; George A. Spall, James Vans, Jr., and Ernest L. Cox. Following the ceremony, corn and venison were served.

Prof. James Erwin of New York lectured to a large and appreciative audience last evening at the Congregational church. The subject of the lecture was "California and the Great Exposition." The address was illustrated with many beautiful slides. The affair was under the auspices of the Men's league of the Congregational church. The same speaker will deliver another lecture this evening. His subject will be "The Picturesque Side of California."

The Women's Aid society of the Congregational church will give a food, cake and candy sale Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert B. Turney, 2287 Elm street. The sale will open at 3 and continue until 6.

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PATHFINDER GIRLS IS NEW ORGANIZATION IN WOMEN'S SOCIETY HERE

A mass meeting of the girls of the city will be held at Presbyterian hall on State street at 7:45 Friday evening to further the movement already begun of establishing an organization for girls which shall be termed the Pathfinder Girls. This will be similar to the Campfire Girls, the 20 groups of which organization in this city separated from the national body last spring because of an alleged commercial element which had crept into the organization.

The object of the movement will be "to find and follow the pathway to true womanhood." They expect that the organization will spread throughout the country. At the meeting on Friday evening, Rev. John MacLaren, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, will speak on "The Meaning of the New Movement to Girls," and Rev. George O. Tamblin, pastor of the Olivet Congregational

church, will talk on "The Significance of the Movement to Bridgeport." Members of the Boy Scouts will act as ushers and the Boys' Orchestra will furnish the music. The officers of the Pathfinder Girls are Mrs. Charles J. Dickson, counselor, and Miss A. Nathan Goodwin, secretary.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE MAY HEAR WOMEN VOTE SEEKERS

New York, Nov. 16.—When the Democratic national committee meets in Washington on Dec. 7 the chairman, William McCombs, will lay before it a request that the committee receive Miss Sara Bard Field and Miss Frances Joliffe, who are bringing a petition from the Pacific coast asking for an amendment to the national constitution granting votes to women. Mr. McCombs promised yesterday a committee of the Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage that he will try to arrange for a hearing before the national Democratic committee for the two women from the west.

NEGROES PLAN ANNUAL HOLIDAY IN MEMORY OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

Savannah, Ga., Nov. 16.—Negroes of this city under the leadership of Prof. R. R. Wright, president of the Georgia Industrial college here, have launched the movement for an annual national holiday in memory of Booker T. Washington.

PREPARE PROGRAM OF CHILDREN'S SECTION OF CHARITIES CONFERENCE

New Haven, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Frank Mitchell, of the State Board of Charities, and chairman of the committee on program of the children's section of the Connecticut state conference on charities and correction has called a meeting of the committee at the Hotel Garder, New Haven, tomorrow. Final arrangements for the program of the children's section will be made. The state conference will take place in Norwich in April. Bridgeport will be represented in the committee by Mrs. M. H. Ford.

Farmers Want Ads. One Cent a Word